CLAIMS:

- 1. A preventive and therapeutic agent for hepatic cirrhosis or bile duct disappearance syndrome containing a Fas antagonist as its effective component.
 - 2. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 1 wherein said Fas antagonist is a substance which suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.
 - 3. A preventive and therape tic agent according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said Fas antagonist is a Fas derivative.
 - 4. A preventive and the apeutic agent according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said Fas antagonist is an anti-Fas ligand antibody.
- 5. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said hepatic cirrhosis is biliary cirrhosis.
- 6. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to claim 5 wherein said hepatic cirrhosis is primary biliary hepatic cirrhosis.

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7. A preventive and therapeutic agent according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said bile duct disappearance syndrome is bile duct disappearance syndrome caused by an immunological mechanism.

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A method for preventing and treating hepatic cirrhosis or bile duct disappearance syndrome wherein a Fas antagonist.

9. Use of a Fas antagonist in producing a pharmaceutical for preventing and/or treating repatic cirrhosis or bile duct disappearance syndrome.

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